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**Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross
Announces Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design –
LEED Certification
and hosts unveiling March 15, 2011.**

Tallahassee, FL, March 7, 2011 – The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross has earned the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification. Located at 1115 Easterwood Drive, the building marks a significant milestone for the American Red Cross, and will serve as a benchmark for future community projects.

The drive to pursue LEED Certification came from the local design team spearheaded by DodStone Group Architects. The architect and their consultants, MEP Southeast, Paradigm Engineers, and Bliss and Niytray Inc, Structural Engineers, along with Culpepper Construction Company, collaboratively donated the registration fees and services to document LEED requirements for certification. The building and design team wanted to substantiate the architect's assertions that good architectural and environmental design costs no more than typical construction.

The project was funded with a donation from the Red Crescent Society of Kuwait. The innovative design and materials used makes this facility energy efficient and sustainable while offering an enhanced work and learning environment for the building's occupants, which houses a disaster kitchen and emergency operations center. Insulated concrete forms, the elimination of hazardous volatile organic compounds, diverting waste from landfills by using materials with high recycle content were all contributing factors in the certification process.

The 22,000 square foot building is built to withstand 150 mile per hour or category 5 strength winds and has a 72 hour supply of supplemental power generators.

The Red Cross is a charitable organization and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to serve communities in times of disaster.

The new headquarters is the first Red Cross building in the nation to have achieved this certification. The unveiling will take place March 15th at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP for the event please contact: Christy Rojas-Kastan at 850.402.5601.